PROMOTING SOVEREIGNTY IN INDIAN EDUCATION

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Why Sovereignty in Indian Education Works
The Past
Time for a Change
Bureau of Indian Education Restructure

- A support agency for tribes that run schools
- Less bureaucracy
- More tribal control
- Reflects current landscape: tribes operate majority of BIE-funded schools
Model of Success

SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL
Challenges: Contract Support Costs

What are contract support costs (CSC)?
- Costs required to support contract functions but that cannot be directly tied to one objective—think of indirect costs

What’s the big deal?
- Without CSC, tribes would be paying large amounts of their own money to administer programs that the U.S. Government has agreed to provide
- It would be a major reason to avoid taking over education and other programs

What’s the problem?
- Congress has not appropriated additional funds to agencies to fund CSC, so agencies have had to take funds from other programs
- Agencies have to fund CSC through multiple channels due to piecemeal approach
Federal Contract Money Flow
Public Schools and Johnson-O’Malley
Preparing for the Future
Questions?
Thank You

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